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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document that is not a U.S. patent document has been submitted herewith.

Explanations of relevance of the Japanese documents may be found in the English abstracts attached thereto. Also, an explanation of relevance of JPA 2000-232216 may be found in U.S. Patent No. 6,657,665, which is in the same patent family.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)

Each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

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It is respectfully requested that the documents be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that they have been considered.

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